

Amendment and Response
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REMARKS

Claims 10 to 33 and 37 to 55 are pending.

The Examiner has required the selection of a single species from each of the following two groups of species:

Delivery catheter:

Species A as embodied in claims 10, 25, and 37.

Species B as embodied in claims 20 and 41.

Step of sliding the stent on the delivery catheter:

Species A as embodied in claim 47.

Species B as embodied in claim 48.

Applicants elect Delivery Catheter Species A, having a conical sheath disposed about the distal end of the delivery catheter, and corresponding to claims 10 to 19, 25 to 33, 37 to 40, and 47 to 55. It is noted that that claims 11 to 19 and 47 to 55 depend from base claim 10; claims 26 to 33 depend from base claims 25, and claims 38 to 40 depend from base claim 37.

Further, Applicants elect Step of sliding stent Species A, maintaining the stent in a stationary position while moving the delivery catheter, corresponding to claim 47.

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Respectfully submitted,

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